



NEW JERSEY FOREST FIRE SERVICE FIRE SITUATION REPORT



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Division "B" and "C" have announced Stage 2 recreational fire permit restrictions effective today. This region covers Burlington, Monmouth, Ocean and Middlesex County south of the Raritan River, as well as Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

Under this restriction, all fires will be prohibited unless in an elevated prepared fireplace, elevated charcoal grill or stove using electricity, or a liquid or gas fuel. An elevated prepared fireplace must be constructed of steel, stone, brick or concrete with its fire box elevated at least one foot above the ground surface and surrounded by at least a ten feet radius clearance to mineral soil. An elevated charcoal grill may be stationary or portable and surrounded by at least a ten feet radius clearance to mineral soil.

Agricultural Open Burning is also restricted in these regions.

This restriction will remain in place until further restrictions are needed or adequate rainfall is received.

Visitors and residents of the forests and open lands of the State are reminded to be careful with outdoor fires and obtain the necessary fire permits. Caution also should be exercised with smoking materials and the use of equipment that could discharge sparks.